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Forests

Investigation of the modern logging methods.

* 1724 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to my question No. 35, answered on 3rd September 1928, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the personnel of the deputation proposed to be sent for studying modern logging methods ;

(*b*) why Government had not till recently thought of introducing modern logging methods in connexion with their forest exploitation policy and programme ; and

(*c*) what steps they propose to take in this direction in future ?

A.—(*a*) The officers deputed to the Philippines are—
Mr. P. A. Venkataraman, Ranger.
Mr. P. Sankunni Menon do.

(*b*) Modern logging methods have been followed since 1923, under the guidance of a trained Logging Engineer, Mr. I. Kenneth Pearce.

(*c*) Proposals for future working are now under consideration in connexion with the questionnaire issued by Government for the proposed reorganization of the Forest department.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I know for how many months this officer has been deputed to the Philippines ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I want notice ; I believe it is for a year. "

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :— 'May I enquire whether before 1923 the Government ever tried logging in this Presidency ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I am not in a position to answer that without notice. "

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" As regards (*c*), may I know to whom this questionnaire has been issued and when ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It was issued 4 months ago, roughly. I am speaking from memory. It was issued to the Chief Conservator of Forests and he has been asked to collect information districtwar. "

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I suggest to the hon. the Law Member to consider the desirability of sending some non-officials also for studying these methods ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, with reference to (*c*), whether the reorganization of the Forest department is concerned only with reference to the logging methods or with reference to the whole department ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It is with reference to the entire policy of the Government."